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SUPERMAN

THE
CHAINED
PART ONE



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THE FLASH #1

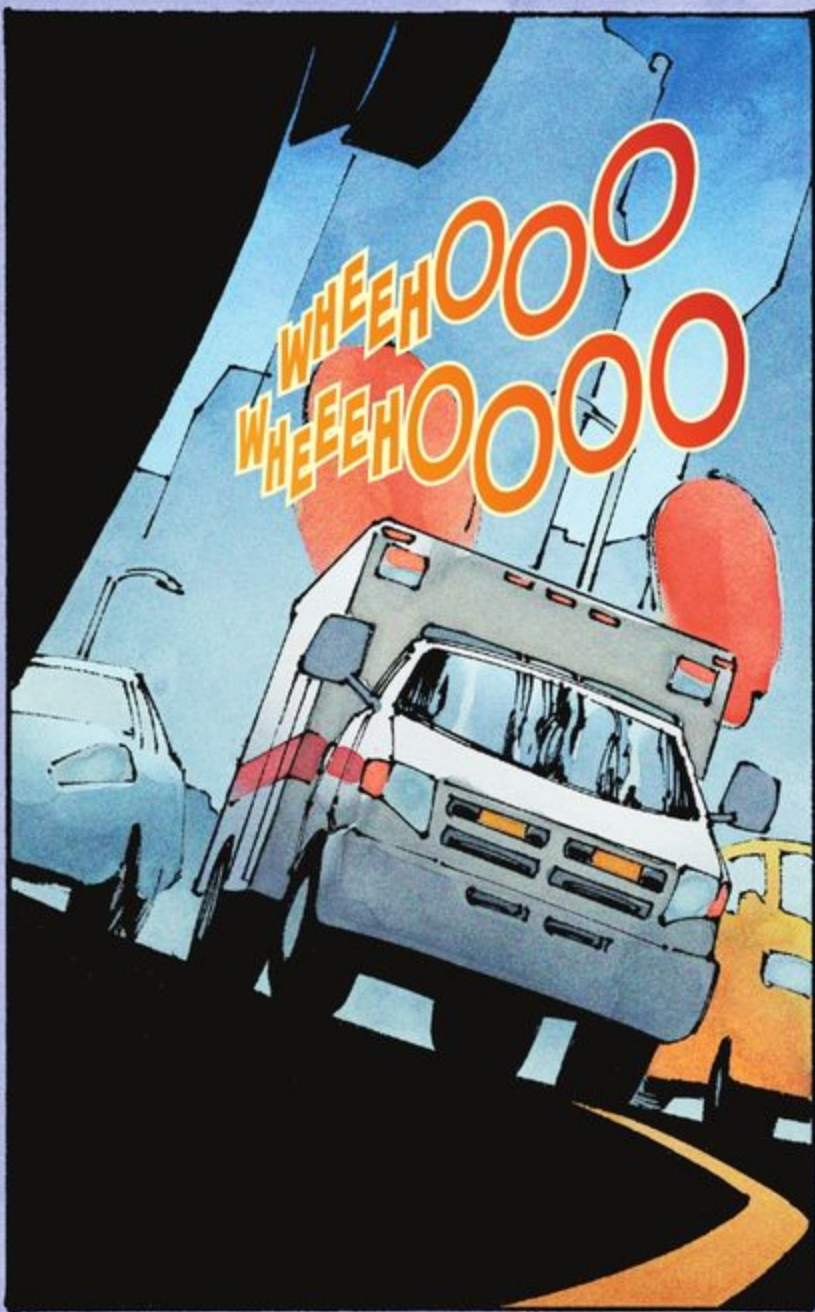
WALLY WEST RACES TOWARDS NEW WORLDS,
MYSTERIOUS ALLIES, AND MIND-SHATTERING THREATS!

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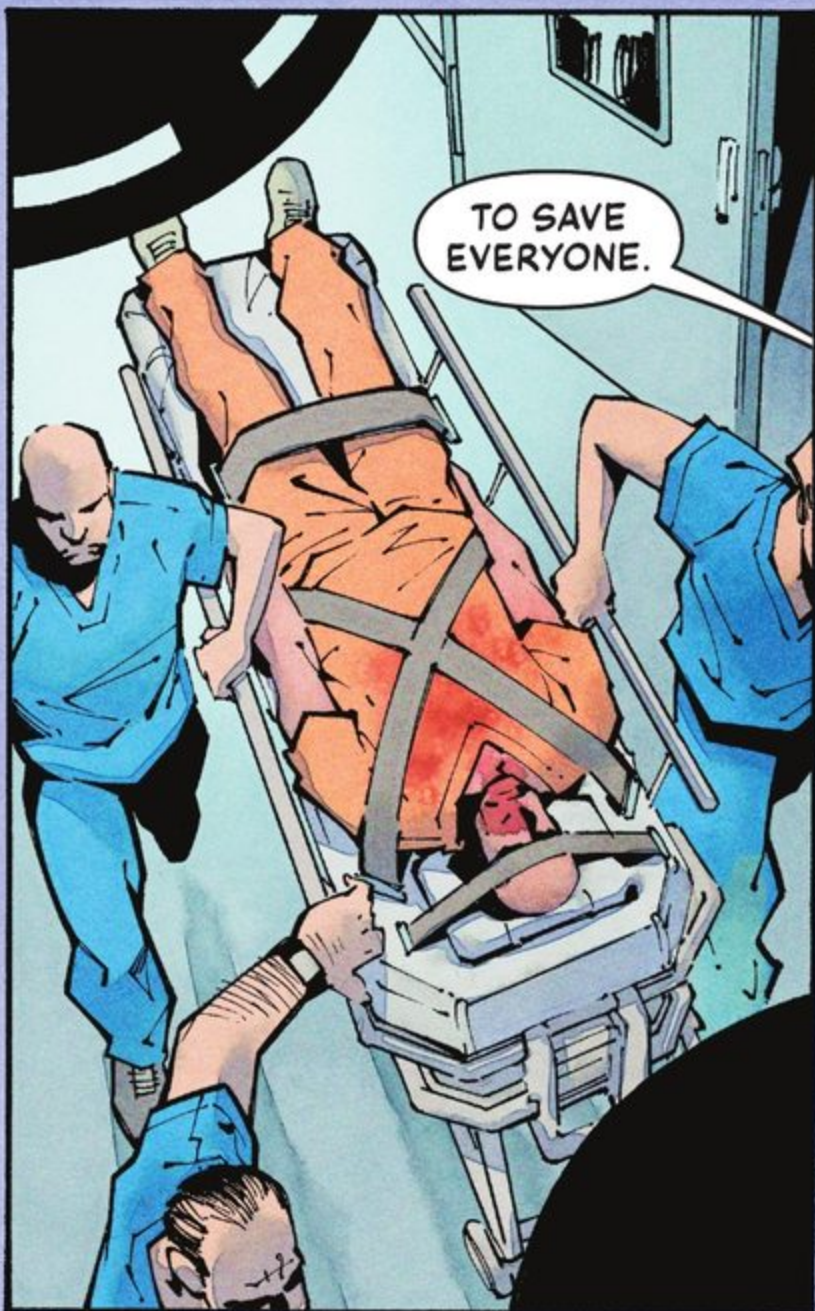
FORGING
THE FUTURE
ONE HERO
AT A TIME



DOCTOR,
ARE WE SURE WE
DON'T WANT TO JUST...
LET NATURE TAKE
ITS COURSE?



GET
OUT.
WE TOOK
AN OATH,
DAMMIT.



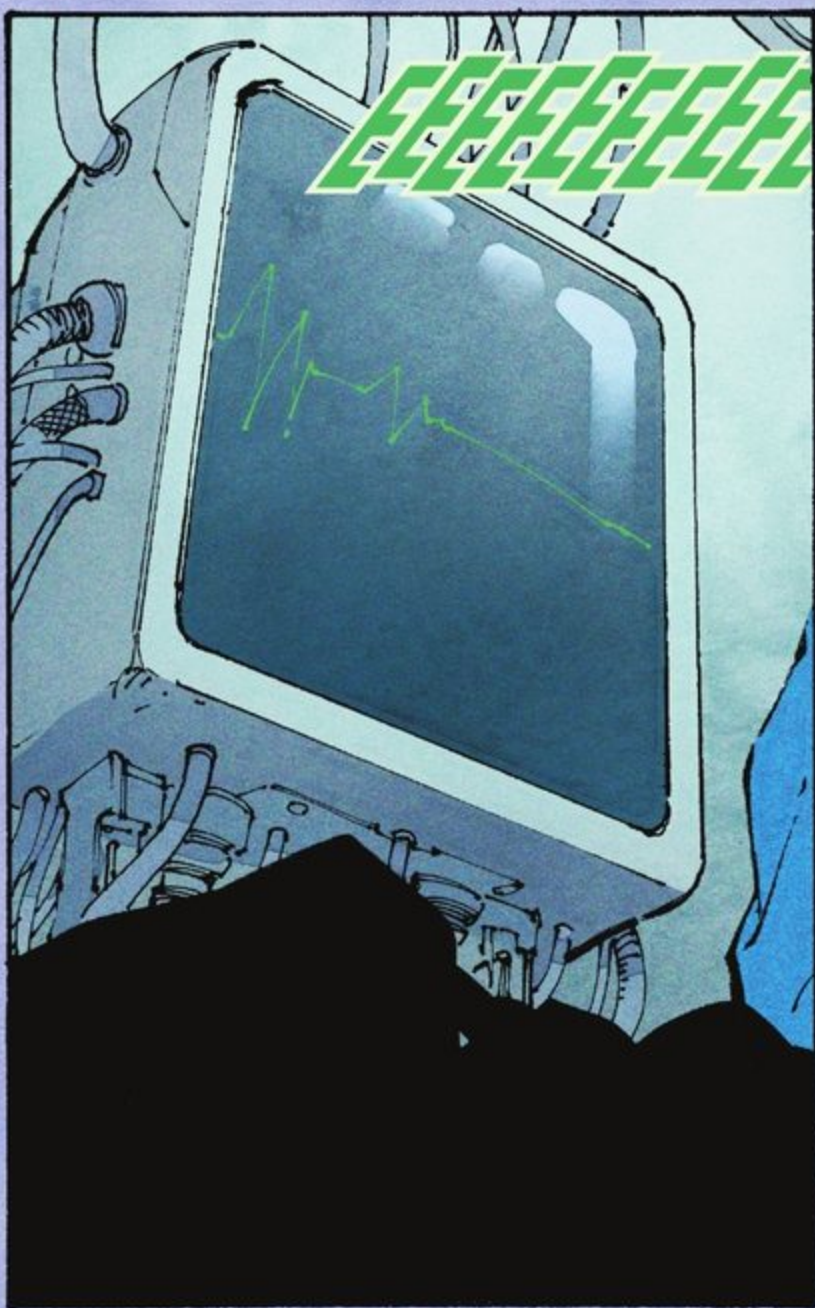
TO SAVE
EVERYONE.



EVEN
SOMEONE LIKE LEX
LUTHOR.



HOLY
HELL, THESE ARE
DEEP. WE'RE GOING
TO NEED A LOT
OF BLOOD.



HE'S
CRASHING!



...WE'RE
LOSING
HIM...

THE LAST SON OF A DYING WORLD, KAL-EL CAME TO EARTH WITH POWERS AND ABILITIES BEYOND THOSE OF MORTAL HUMANS. HE WAS FOUND AND RAISED BY A KINDLY COUPLE IN SMALLVILLE, KANSAS, AND IMBUED WITH THE VALUES OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE BY HIS ADOPTIVE PARENTS. NOW SERVING AS A REPORTER FOR A MAJOR METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPER, CLARK KENT TAKES TO THE SKIES TO USE HIS GIFTS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE WORLD AS...

SUPERMAN

CHAPTER SIX

THE CHAINED PART ONE

LEX LUTHOR'S ENEMIES DR. PHARM AND MR. GRAFT PROVOKED FOE AFTER FOE TO GO UP AGAINST SUPERMAN, ALL TO PREVENT HIM FROM STOPPING AN ATTEMPT ON LEX'S LIFE. THE ONLY TRACE SUPERMAN COULD FIND OF THE TWO VILLAINS WAS A MESSAGE: TO INVESTIGATE A CHILLING SECRET PROJECT THAT LEX SPEARHEADED. BUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN FULLY EXPLAIN PROJECT: CHAINED IS IN NO POSITION TO, LEAVING SUPERMAN TO SEE WHAT HE CAN TRACK DOWN ON HIS OWN...

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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.

TWO WEEKS LATER.

GOOD MORNING,
METROPOLIS!

THIS IS
LESLIE WILLIS,
A.K.A. YOUR LETHAL
NEIGHBORHOOD
LIVEWIRE!

AND YOU'RE
LISTENING TO ME
STRAIGHT FROM MY PRISON
CELL AT STRYKER'S WITH
MY NEW DAILY PLANET
PODCAST!

SHOUT-OUT TO
MY GIRL WITH THE
GOODS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
LOIS LANE, FOR HOOKING
ME UP WITH THE
NEW GIG!

IT'S A
BRIGHT AND SUNNY
DAY IN THE CITY OF
TOMORROW, OR SHOULD
I SAY THE CITY OF
SECRETS?

OOH SPOOKY!

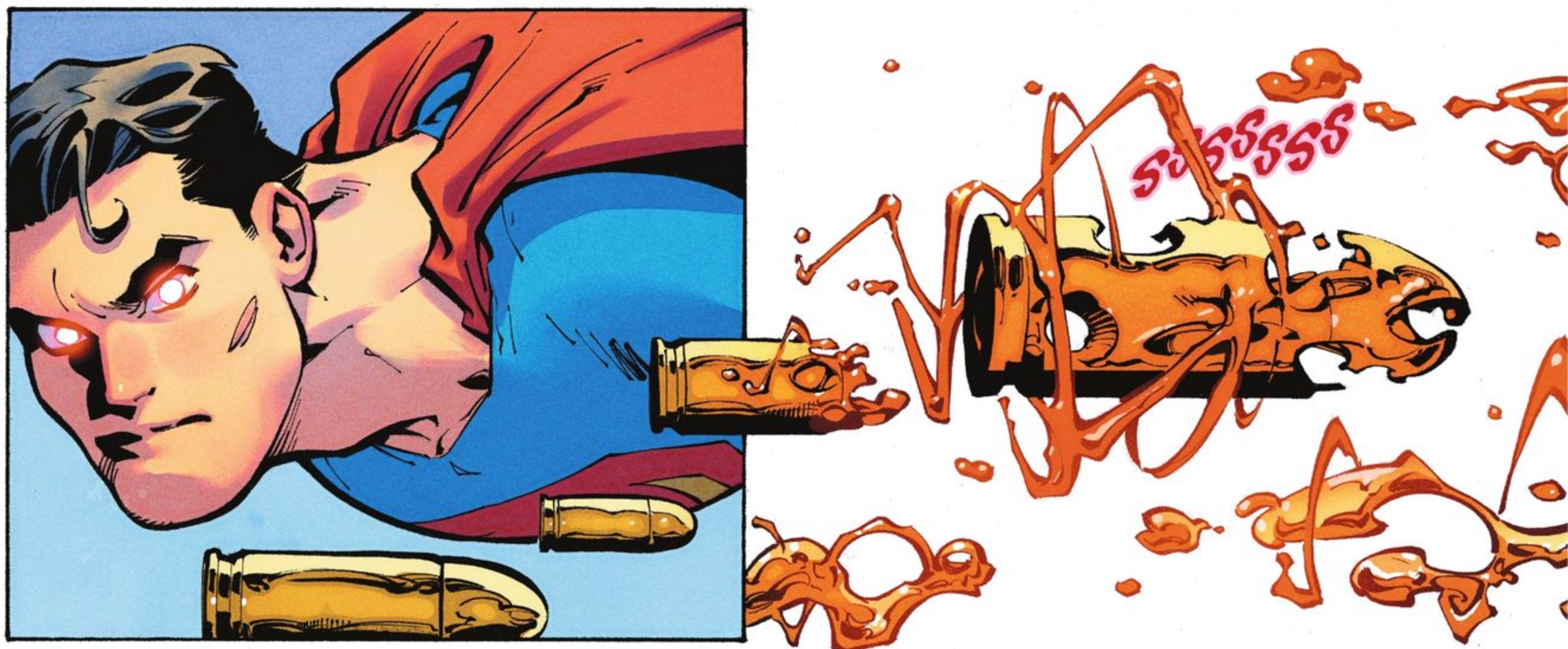
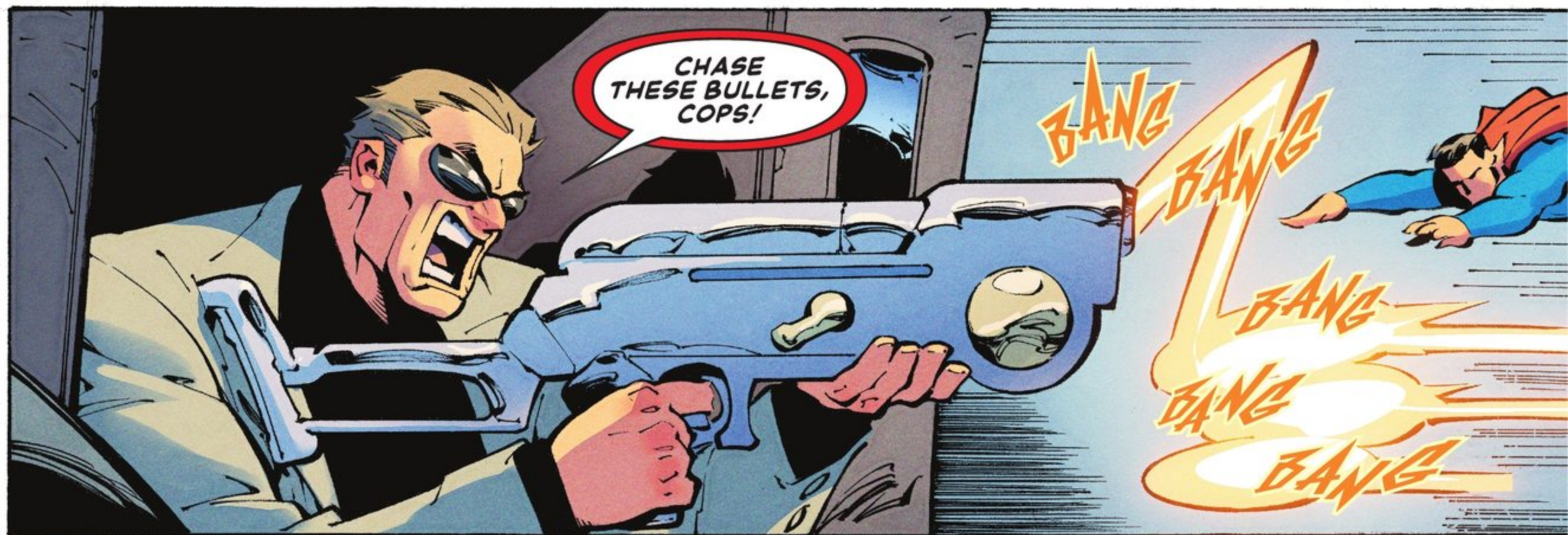
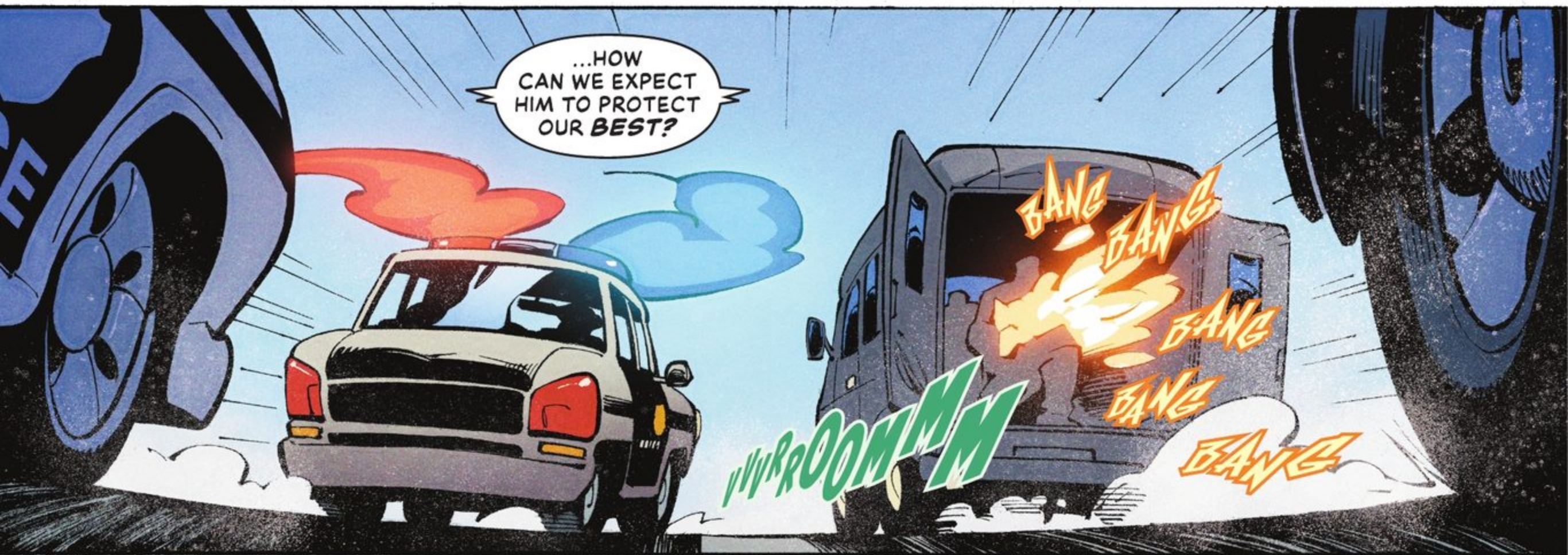
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FAIR CITY HAS BEEN
SHOCKED BY RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

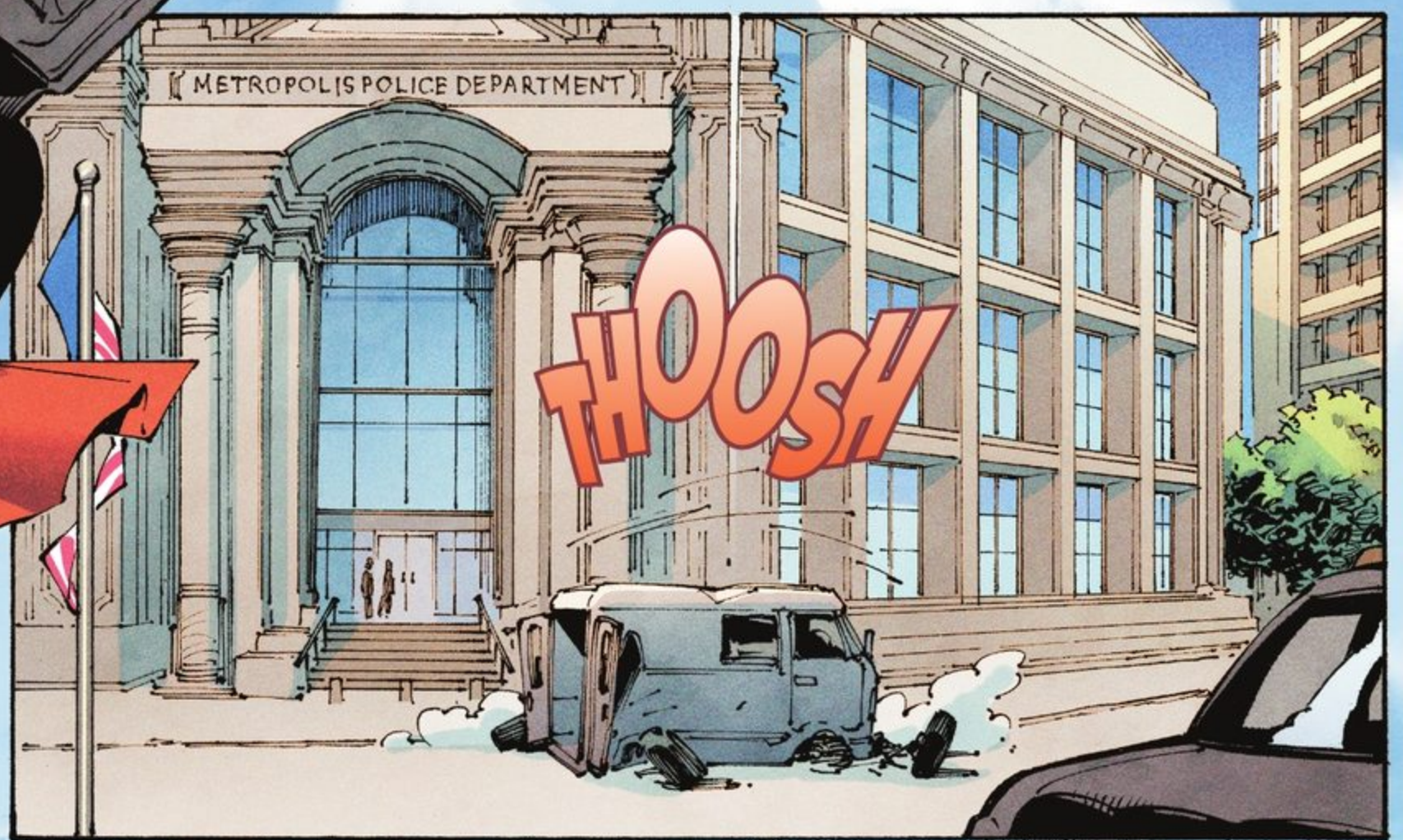
INCLUDING
RESIDENT BAD BOY
LEX LUTHOR GETTING
HIMSELF SHANKED
IN PRISON!

OUCH!

SO I GOTTA
ASK THE OBVIOUS,
FOLKS. IF SUPERMAN
CAN'T PROTECT OUR
CITY'S WORST...







OLSEN!

WERE YOU AIMING
YOUR CAMERA WITH
YOUR **BOW TIE** AGAIN?
I NEED A BETTER PICTURE
FOR THE FRONT PAGE
THAN THIS!

YOU GOT IT,
MS. LANE!

HEY
CHIEF! YOU
GOTTA READ AND
NOTE ERICA'S
AND CAT'S
STORIES.

AND
LIVEWIRE'S ARTICLE
HAS SO MANY TYPOS
I THOUGHT **YOU**
WROTE IT!

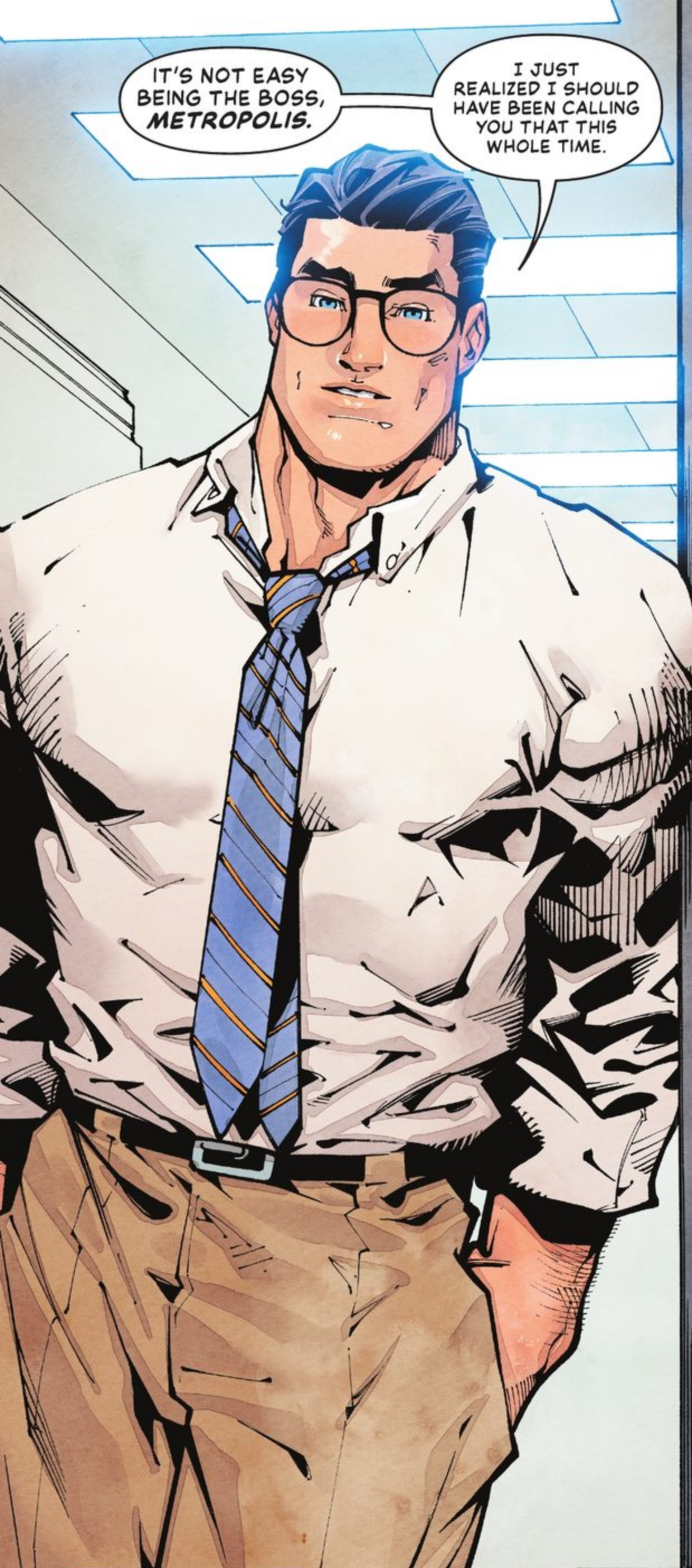
LANE, YOU
NEED TO SIGN OFF
ON MY BUDGET
REQUESTS!

YOU NEVER
APPROVED MY
LAYOUT!

LALALALALALALA.

≡SIGHHHHH≡

KNOCK,
KNOCK.



IT'S NOT EASY BEING THE BOSS, METROPOLIS.

I JUST REALIZED I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CALLING YOU THAT THIS WHOLE TIME.



UGH.

IT'S FINE. I CAN HANDLE THE GIG.



I JUST...I FEEL LIKE I'M PART **BABYSITTER**, PART **THERAPIST**, AND LIKE...**MAYBE** PART EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. MY JOB IS KEEPING ME FROM DOING MY JOB.

SPEAKING OF WHICH...YOU OWE ME A STORY, **SMALLVILLE**.

I'M ALMOST DONE WITH THE PIECE ON LEX. I'LL JUST SAY... I'M HAVING WRITER'S BLOCK.

I CAN REASSIGN IT.



THE DOCTORS SAID HE'S STILL IN HIS COMA...

I CAN'T GET OVER IT. THOSE MONSTERS **PHARM** AND **GRAFT** MANIPULATED PARASITE AND SILVER BANSHEE, SETTING ME UP SO I COULDN'T HEAR LEX WHEN...

WE'RE LUCKY HE'S ALIVE.



"BEFORE THEY MADE THAT MOVE, GRAFT WARNED ME ABOUT SOMETHING CALLED '**PROJECT: CHAINED**.' THAT IT WAS A SKELETON IN LEX'S CLOSET."



I GOT THE RESEARCHERS ON IT, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING--

I DON'T WANT US USING **DAILY PLANET** RESOURCES FOR THIS, HONEY.

WELL... ARE YOU NOT IN CHARGE OF A WHOLE COMPANY NOW?

"...Supercorp."



SUPERMAN!

MR. SUPERMAN!

PLEASE,
JUST CALL ME
SUPERMAN.
I...

HOW
CAN I HELP
YOU?

THERE IS
SOMETHING I
NEED TO SHOW
YOU.

BEFORE, MR.
LUTHOR WANTED
ME TO FIND A WAY TO
WEAPONIZE TOXIC WATER
FROM HAZARDOUS
SPILLS.



BUT NOW THAT
WE'RE **SUPERCORP**,
I'M INSTEAD CLOSE
TO CREATING A WAY TO
SEPARATE WATER AND
DANGEROUS TOXINS
EASILY AND
QUICKLY.

THIS
COULD BE A REAL
GAME CHANGER
FOR DISASTER
RELIEF.



THAT'S...

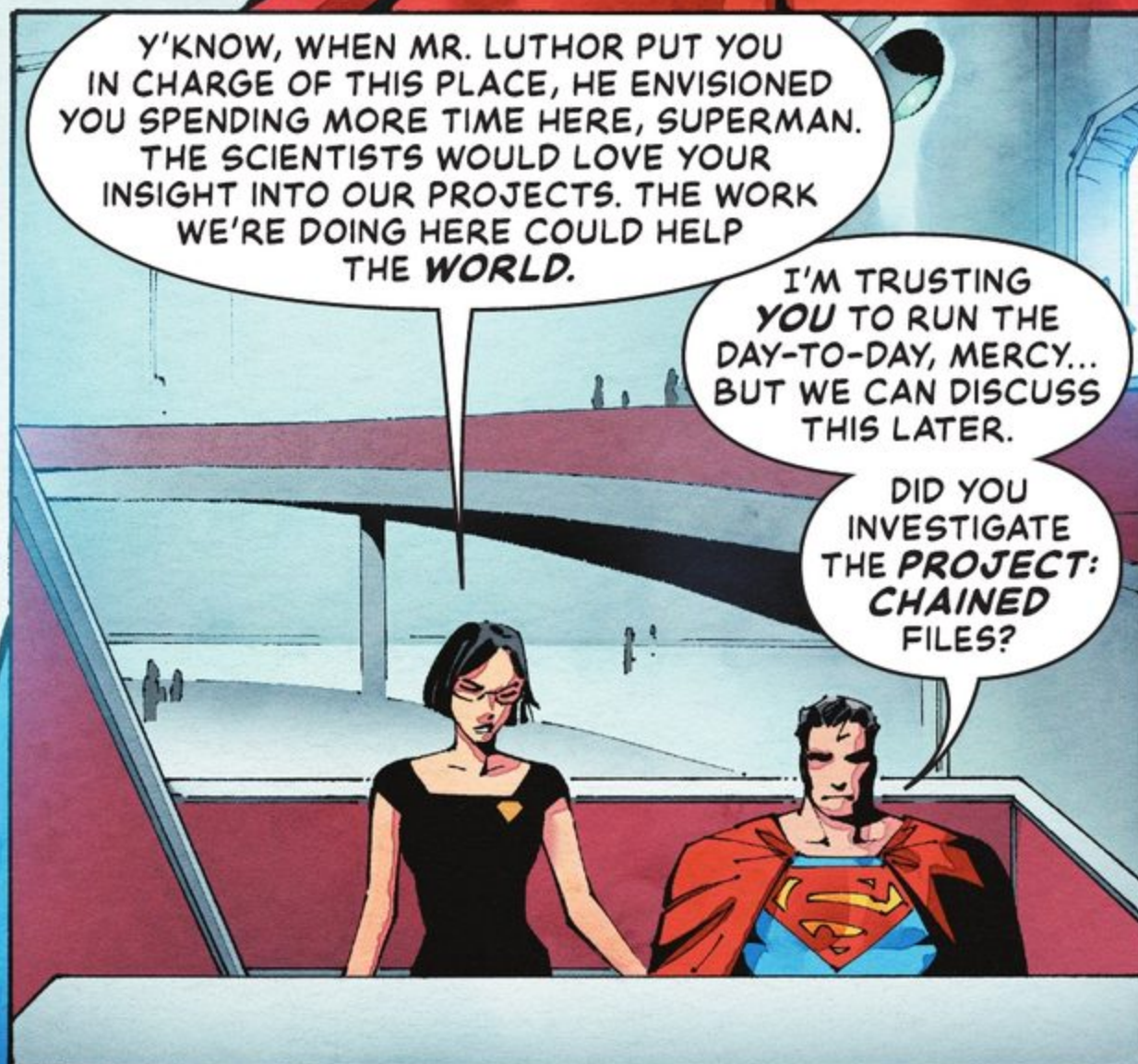
THAT'S
TERRIFIC,
DR. SHAWN.

**GREAT
WORK.**





SEE, YOU'RE A NATURAL **BOSS**, BIG BLUE.



Y'KNOW, WHEN MR. LUTHOR PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF THIS PLACE, HE ENVISIONED YOU SPENDING MORE TIME HERE, SUPERMAN. THE SCIENTISTS WOULD LOVE YOUR INSIGHT INTO OUR PROJECTS. THE WORK WE'RE DOING HERE COULD HELP THE **WORLD**.

I'M TRUSTING **YOU** TO RUN THE DAY-TO-DAY, MERCY... BUT WE CAN DISCUSS THIS LATER.

DID YOU INVESTIGATE THE **PROJECT: CHAINED FILES**?



I OPENED ALL THE OLD LEXCORP FILES AND FOUND **NOTHING**.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE **SOME** FILES BEHIND OUR SECURITY FIREWALLS THAT ARE ONLY ACCESSIBLE TO MR. LUTHOR... AND NOW YOU.

THEN HOW DO I GET TO THEM?



YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE THE ANSWERS YOU FIND, BUT...

...MR. LUTHOR **DID** LEAVE YOU A **RESOURCE** HERE TO HELP YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.



≡SIGH...≡
LL-01?



GOOD DAY,
KAL-EL.

HOW
CAN I BE OF
SERVICE?



UNLOCK...
**PROJECT:
CHAINED.**

AND
THEN TELL
ME EVERYTHING
ABOUT IT.

GLADLY,
MY SON.

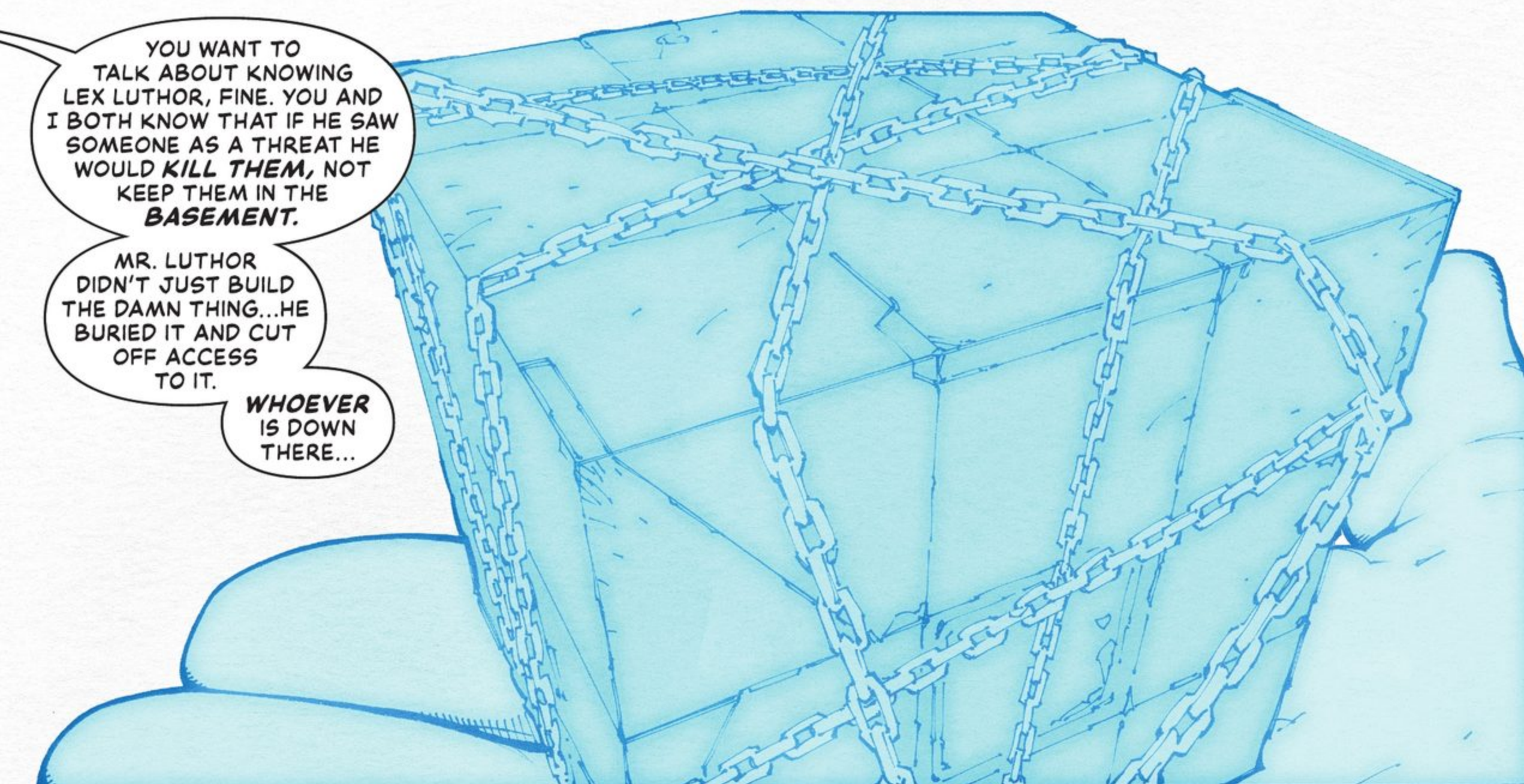
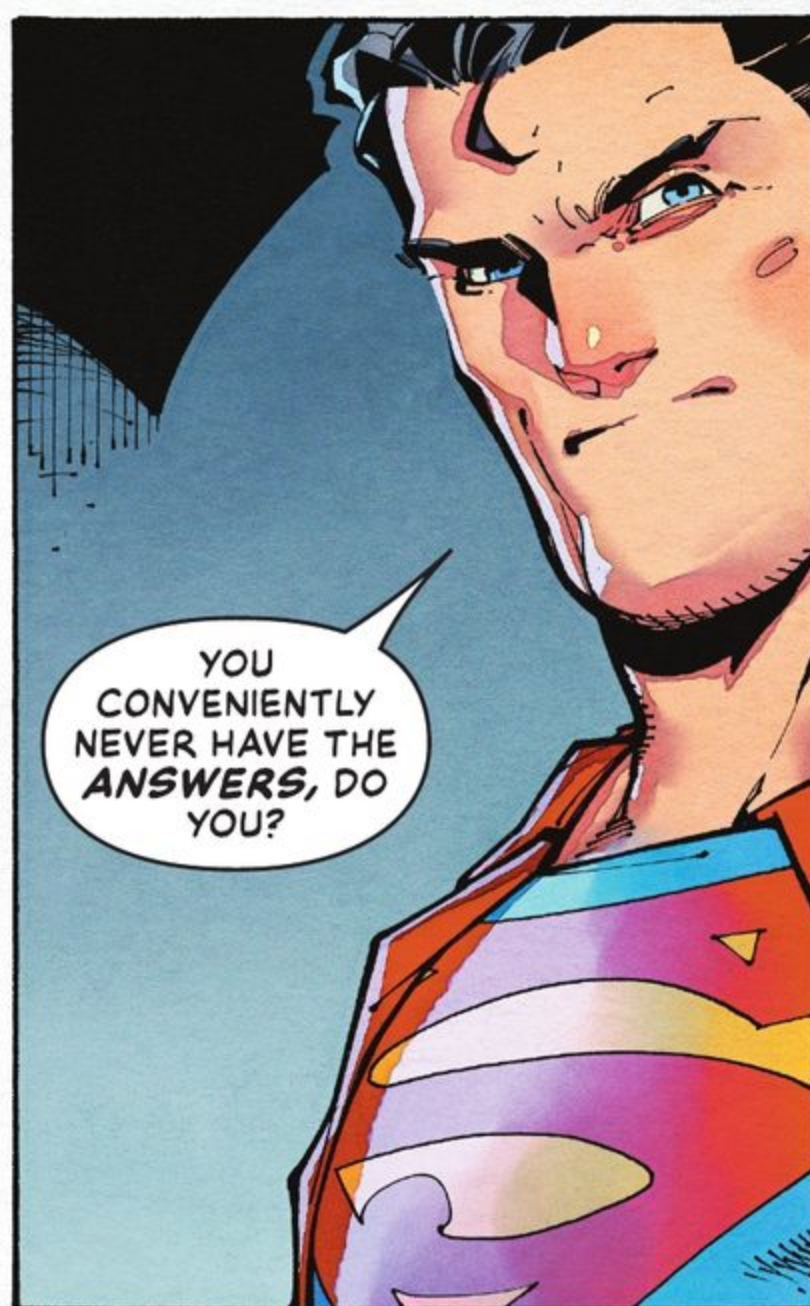
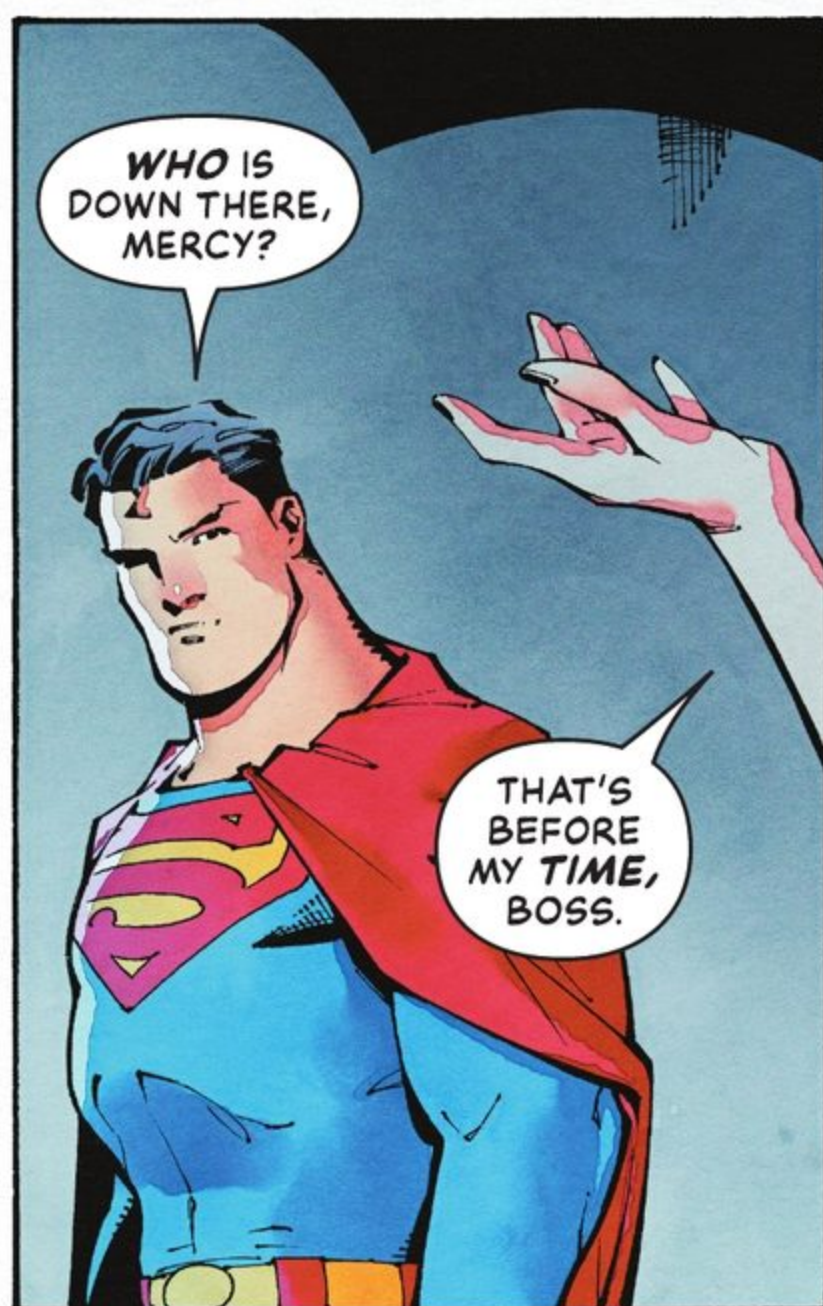
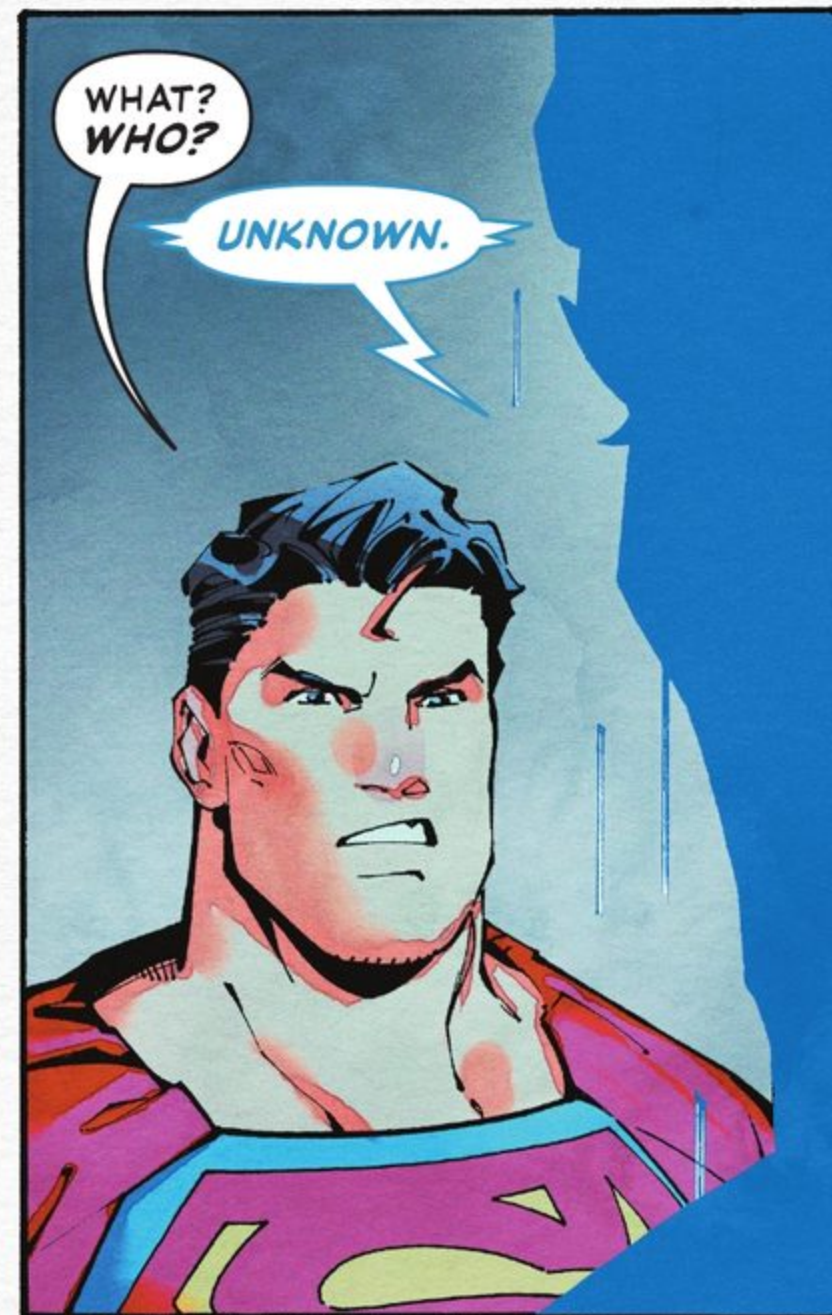


**PROJECT:
CHAINED** WAS AN EARLY
EXPERIMENT IN SECURITY BY
MR. LEX LUTHOR. IT WAS IN
COLLABORATION WITH **CARL
DRAPER** AND **SEBASTIAN
STRYKER**, THE FOUNDER
OF **STRYKER'S ISLAND
PENITENTIARY**.

INTENDED
TO HOUSE THE MOST
DANGEROUS PEOPLE IN THE
WORLD INDEFINITELY, IT WOULD
KEEP THEM **ALIVE** WHILE ALSO
RESTRAINING THEM IN DEEP
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT,
DEPRIVED OF ALL SENSES AND
CONNECTIONS WITH THE
OUTSIDE WORLD.



ONLY **ONE**
VERSION OF THE
PRISON CELL WAS
COMPLETED, HIDDEN
FOUR HUNDRED FEET
BELOW STRYKER'S
ISLAND.



"...THEY WERE
NOT MEANT TO
BE FREE..."

"KNOWING LUTHOR,
IT COULD BE AN
INNOCENT PERSON."

"EVEN WHEN I'VE USED
THE PHANTOM ZONE IN
THE PAST, IT WAS A
LAST RESORT. AND ONE
THAT I HATED."



"REGARDLESS OF
HOW DANGEROUS
THEY MIGHT BE..."

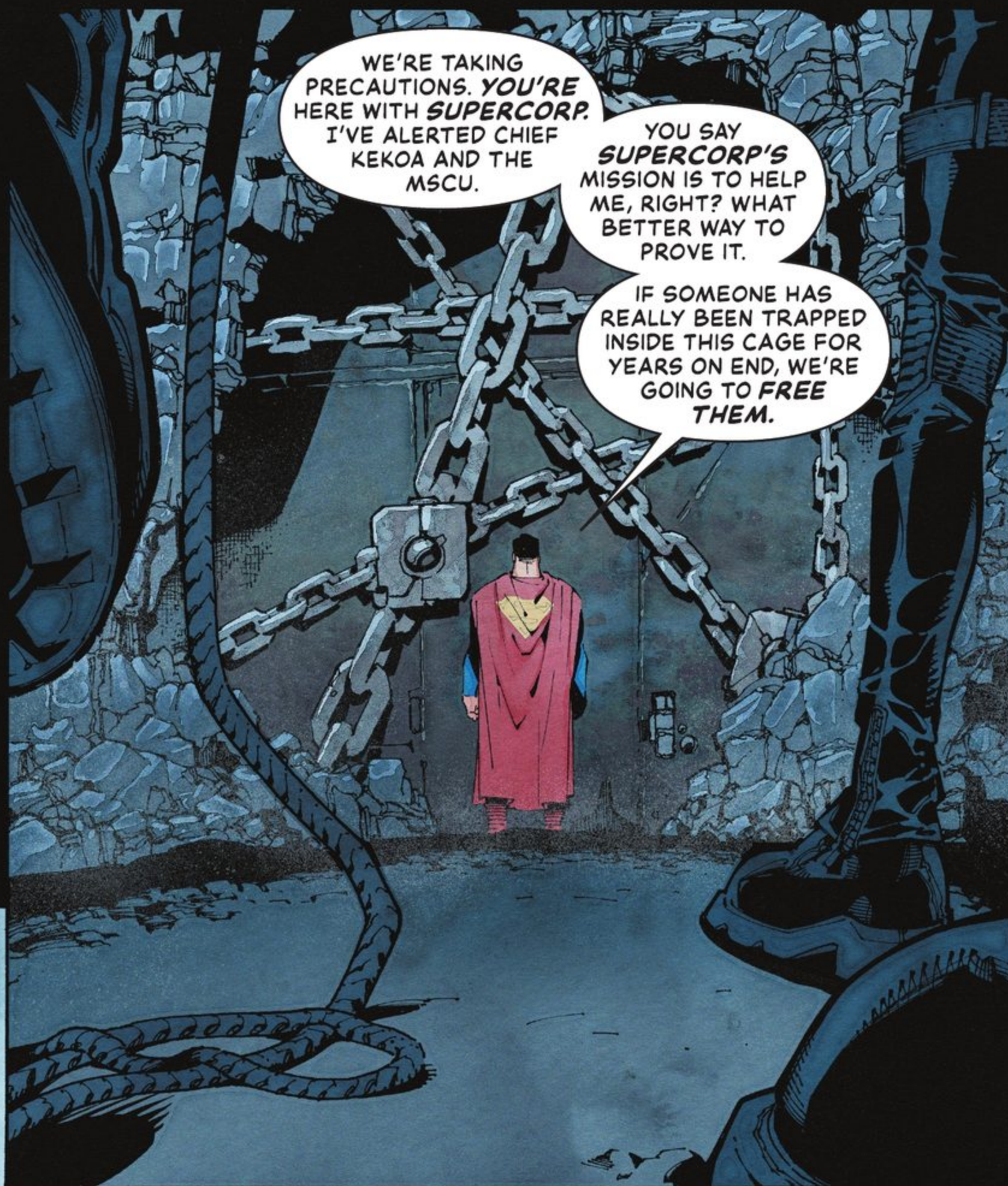
BRAAAM

SHAAZAKK

"...LUTHOR DOES NOT
GET TO BE THEIR
JUDGE, JURY, AND
EXECUTIONER."



MY GUT STILL TELLS ME THIS IS A **BAD IDEA**, SUPERMAN.



WE'RE TAKING PRECAUTIONS. **YOU'RE** HERE WITH **SUPERCORP**. I'VE ALERTED CHIEF KEKOA AND THE MSCU.

YOU SAY **SUPERCORP'S** MISSION IS TO HELP ME, RIGHT? WHAT BETTER WAY TO PROVE IT.

IF SOMEONE HAS REALLY BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE THIS CAGE FOR YEARS ON END, WE'RE GOING TO **FREE THEM**.



OKAY...WELL, NO NEED TO SMASH YOUR WAY IN.

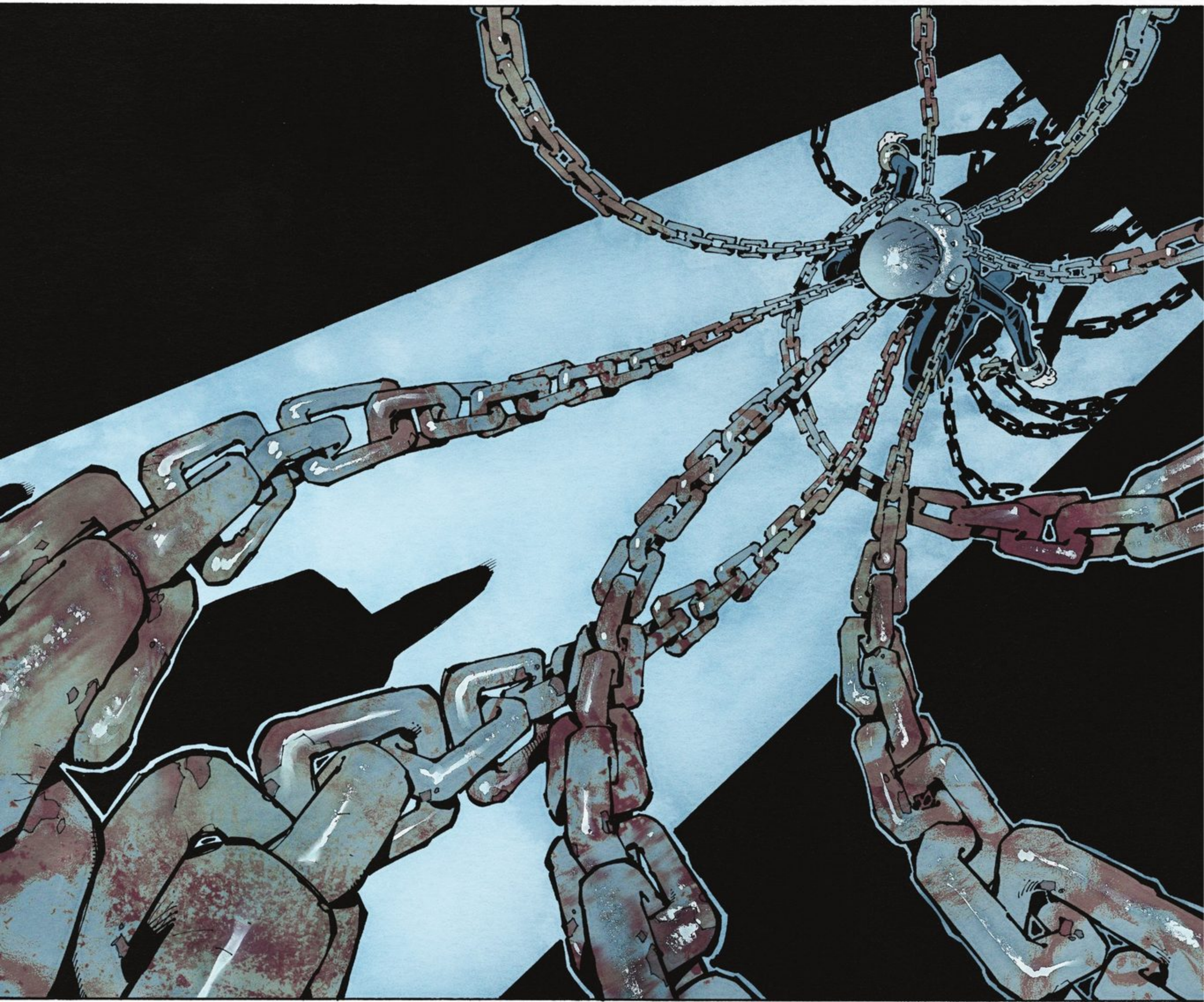
I CAN CONNECT ITS SECURITY TO **SUPERCORP**, AND AS THE HEAD OF THE COMPANY YOUR VERY PRESENCE WILL UNLOCK IT...



OH NO.

LEX...

...WHAT DID YOU DO...?





...LEX
LUTHOR?

CHING

CHING

CHING

CHING

RUMBLE...

I HATE TO
SAY I TOLDJA
SO...

HOLD ON,
MERCY.

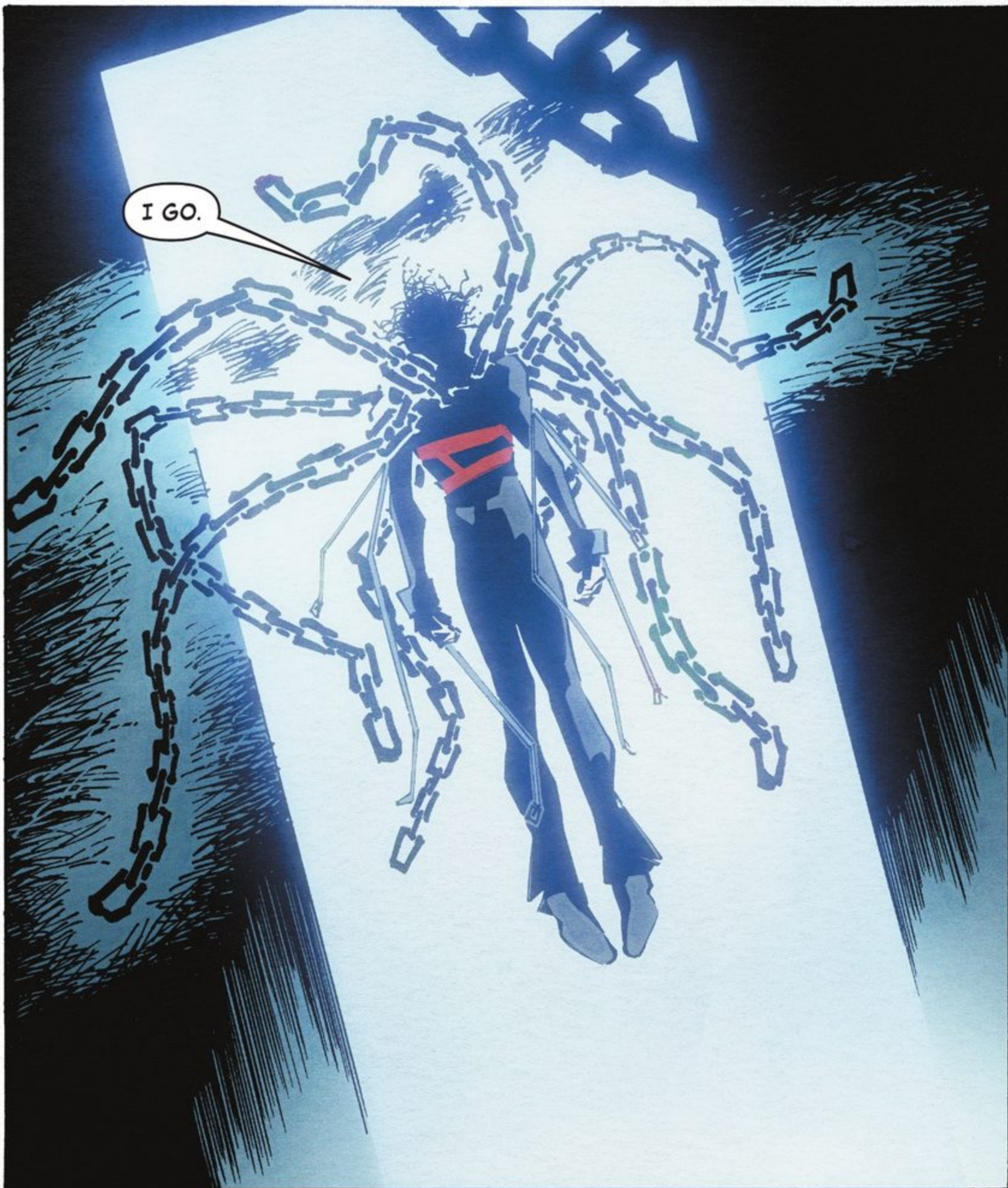
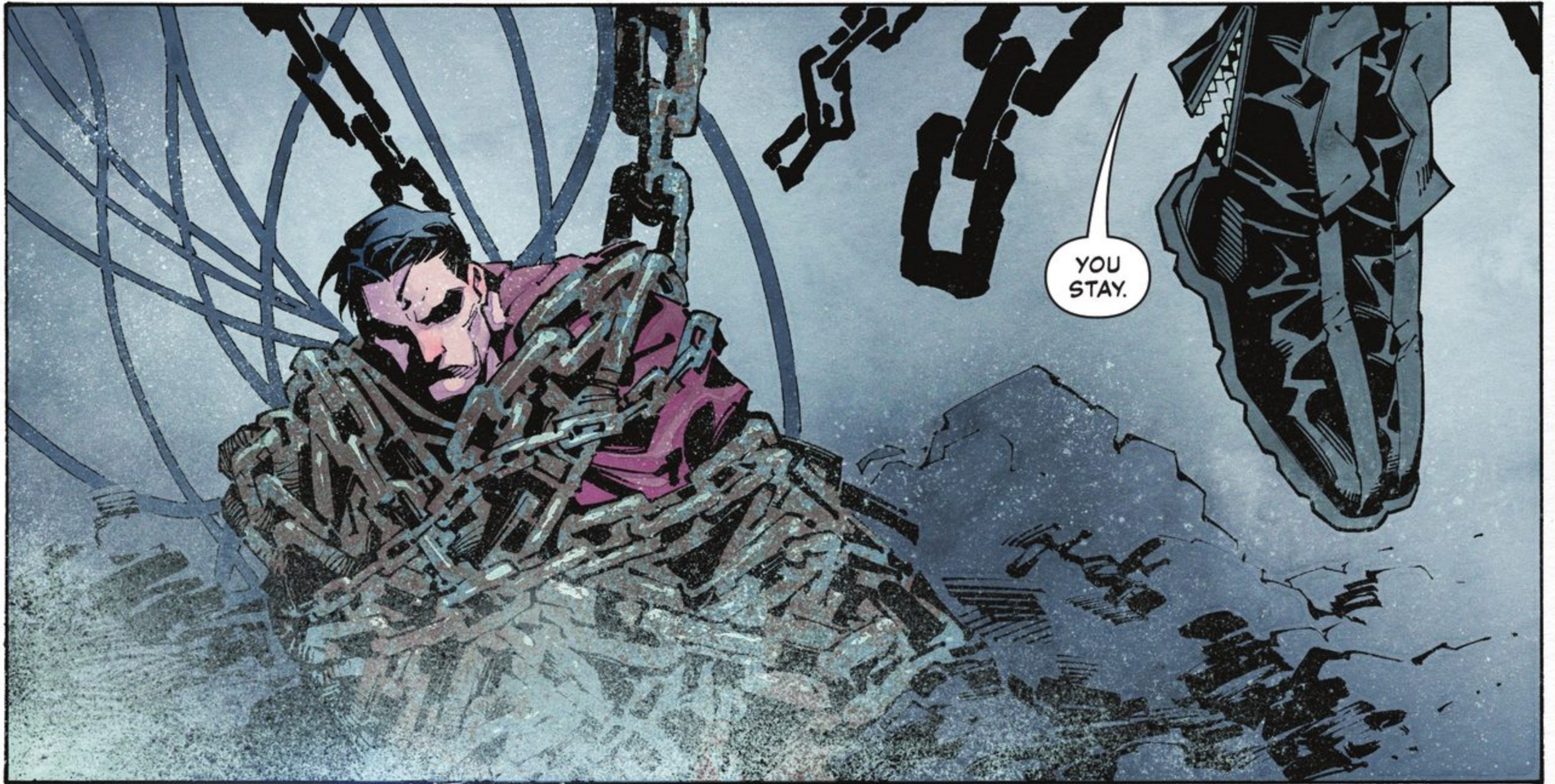
LISTEN
TO ME. IF LEX
LUTHOR HURT
YOU...



RUMBLE...









LEX
LUTHOR LOVES
METROPOLIS.

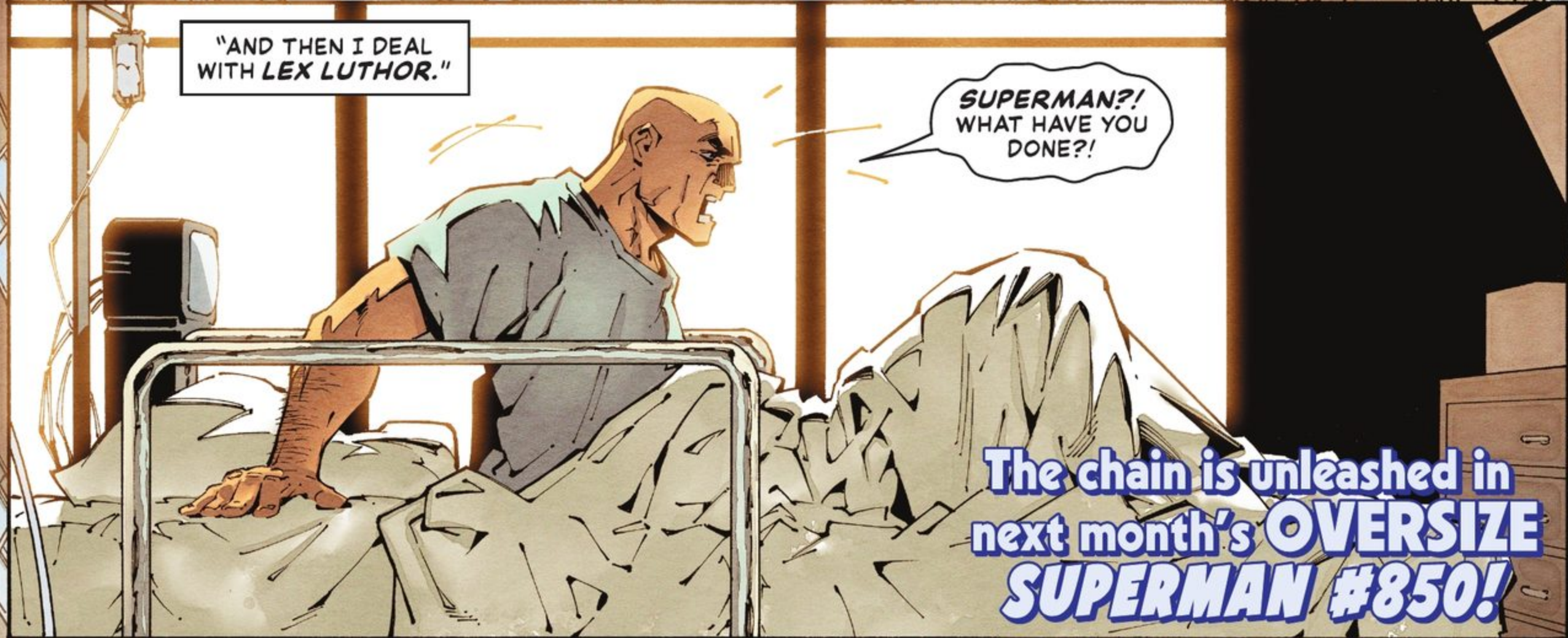
AND
METROPOLIS
LOVES LEX
LUTHOR.

IT MUST
KNOW THE
PAIN I HAVE
ENDURED.



"AND THEN I DEAL
WITH LEX LUTHOR."

SUPERMAN?!
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE?!



The chain is unleashed in
next month's **OVERSIZE**
SUPERMAN #850!

JUSTICE LEAGUE

VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG



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The Battle Begins
in October

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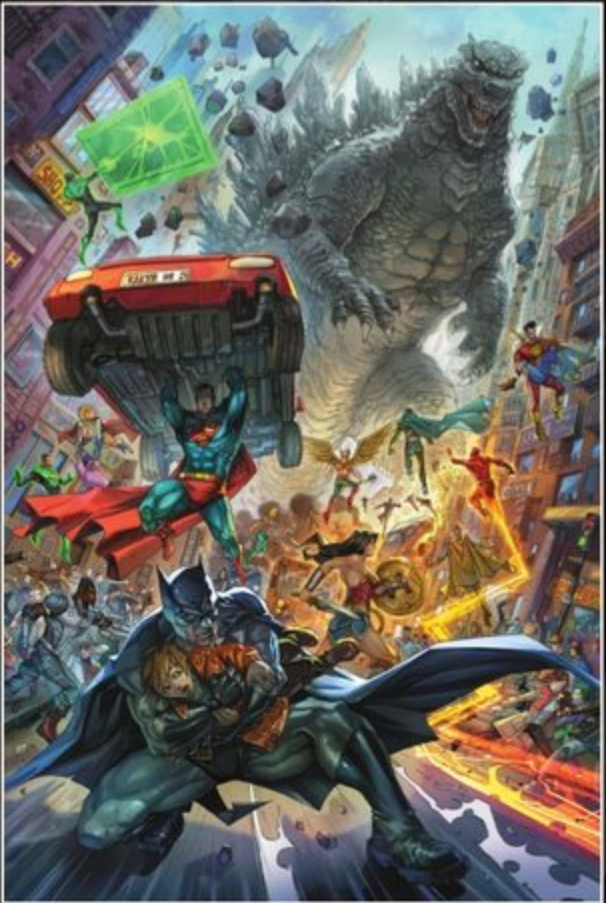
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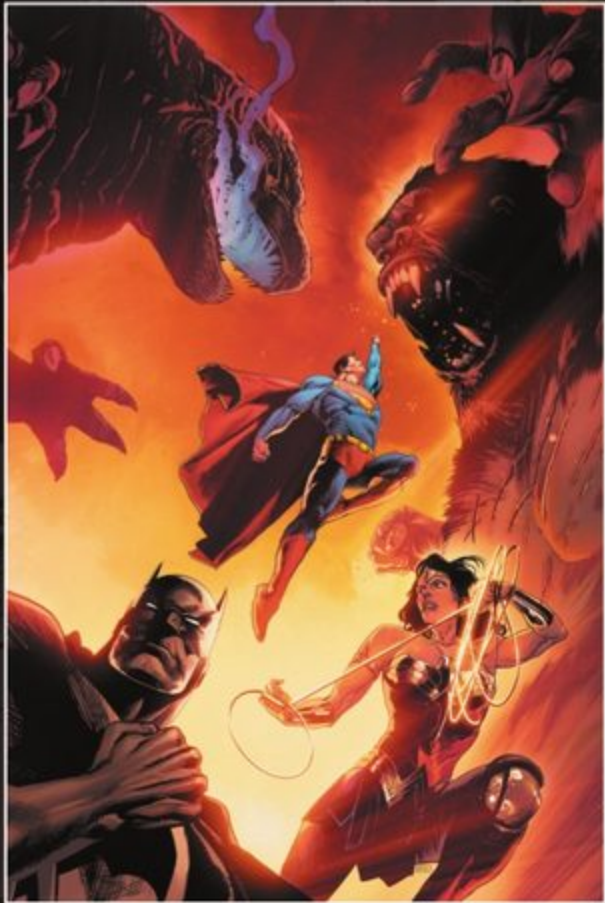


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EARTH-SHATTERING
CROSSOVER WITH
THESE COVERS**



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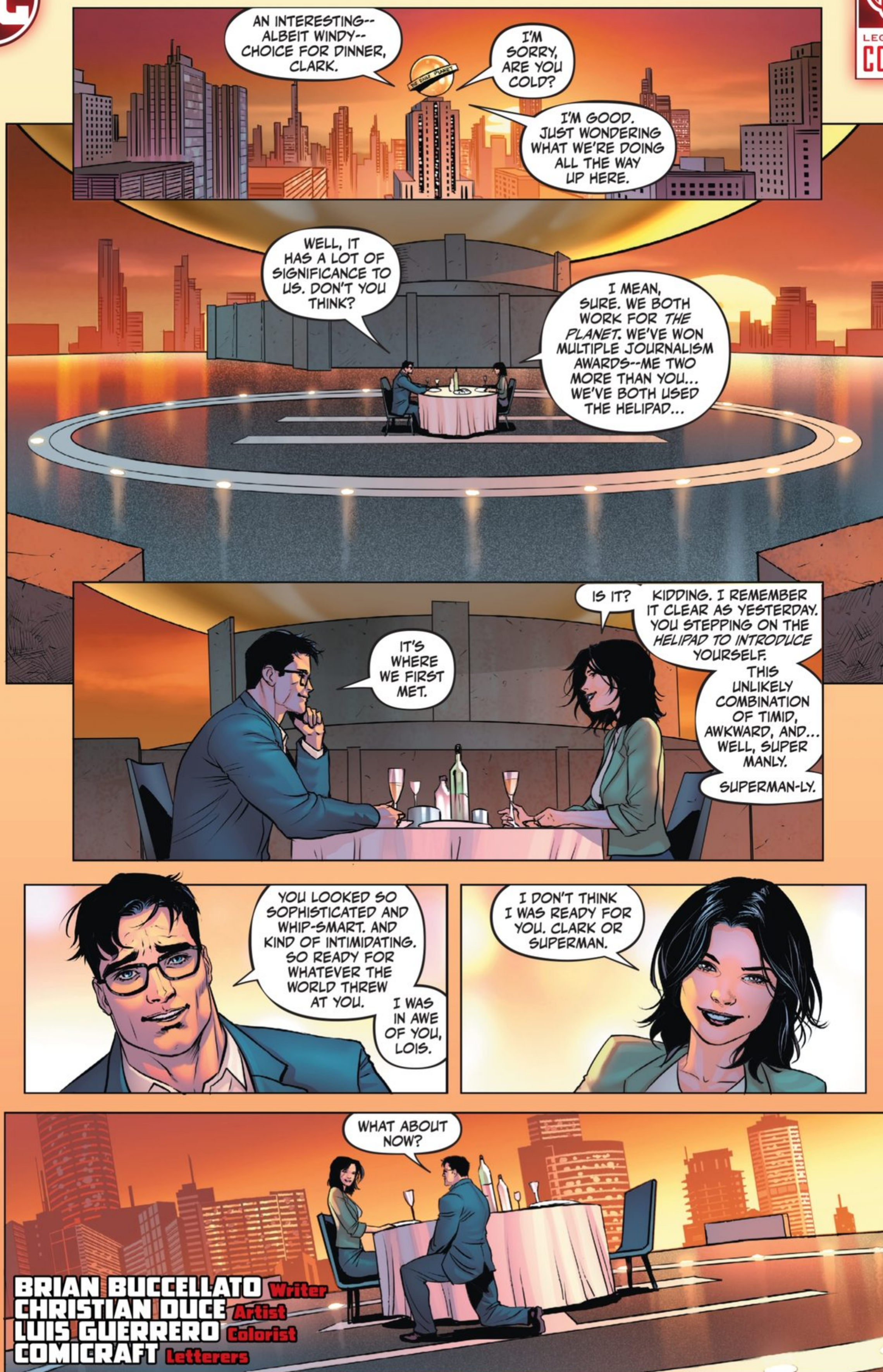


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**JUSTICE
LEAGUE** **vs.** **GODZILLA
vs.** **KONG**





PREVIEW

JUSTICE LEAGUE vs. **GODZILLA KONG**

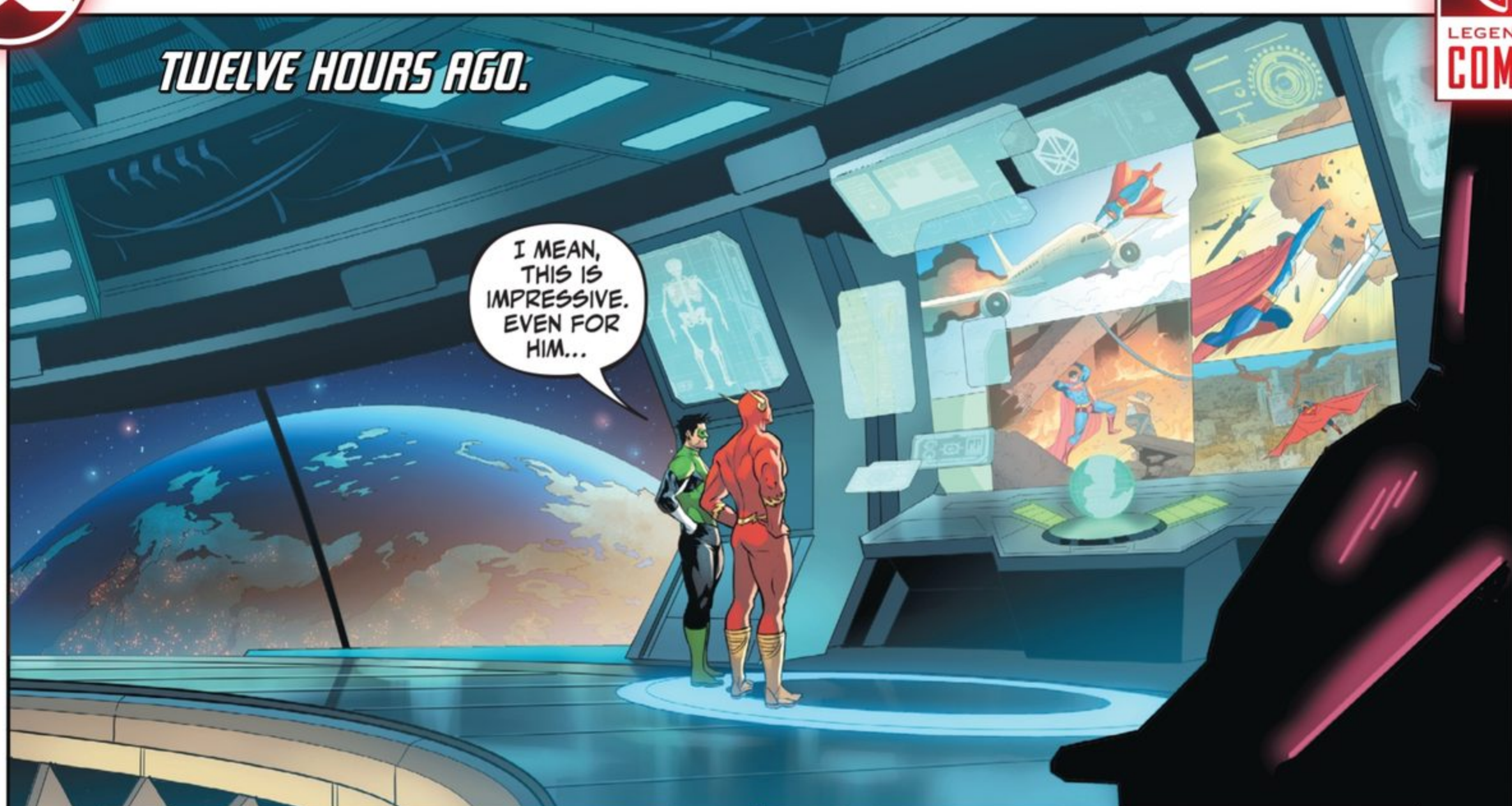
PREVIEW



"HE'S REALLY BURNING THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS, ISN'T HE..."



TWELVE HOURS AGO.



I MEAN, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. EVEN FOR HIM...



IT'S LIKE HE'S LITERALLY TRYING TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD AT ONCE.



MAKES YOU WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T GIVE SUPER-SUPER EFFORT ALL OF THE TIME.

IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE, HAL...



BELIEVE ME, AS A GUY WHO CAN PRETTY MUCH BE TWO PLACES AT ONCE...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO AND HOW HARD YOU TRY...YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL. THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME.

NOT EVEN FOR THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE. THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?

PREVIEW

JUSTICE LEAGUE vs. GODZILLA vs. KONG

PREVIEW





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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON



THE FLASH

All year long, DC has reinvigorated its heroes and villains across the DC Universe with the Dawn of DC storytelling initiative—and Wally West gets in on the fun this September with *The Flash* #1 from the superstar team of writer Si Spurrier and artist Mike Deodato Jr., a fresh start for one of pop culture's most iconic heroes!

With this new era for *The Flash* comes new allies, new enemies, and mysterious new developments with Wally's connection to the Speed Force—along with a fresh take on classic villains like Mirror Master, as well as Wally's family unit of wife Linda Park and their super-powered twins, Jai and Irey.

That's a lot to get excited about—and to get *even more* excited, we opened up Deodato's sketchbook to see the comics legend's character designs for the new series.



WALLY WEST



MIRROR MASTER



IREY WEST



JAI WEST



DON'T MISS *THE FLASH* #1, ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER!

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SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

